

1. (Amended) One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform functions including:

collecting, using one or more registration wizards at a client computer, registration information for manufacturers of components of the client computer;

establishing a communication link between the client computer and a network;

establishing a first connection, via the communication link, to a first registration server of a plurality of registration servers;

A¹ communicating at least a first portion of the registration information to the first registration server via the first connection;

establishing a second connection, via the communication link, to a second registration server of the plurality of registration servers; and

communicating at least a second portion of the registration information to the second registration server via the second connection.

8. (Amended) A method comprising:

A² collecting, using a registration wizard at a client computer, registration information for manufacturers of components of the client computer;

establishing a communication link between the client computer and a network;

establishing a plurality of connections, via the communication link, between the client computer and a plurality of registration databases; and

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communicating, for each of the plurality of connections, at least a portion of the registration information to one of the plurality of registration databases.

14. (Amended) A method comprising:

collecting, using a single registration wizard at a client computer, registration information for a plurality of registering components of the client computer;

establishing a plurality of connections between the client computer and a plurality of registration databases corresponding to manufacturers of the plurality of registering components; and

transferring at least a portion of the registration information to each of the plurality of registration databases via the plurality of connections.

19. (Amended) A method comprising:

collecting, at a client computer, registration information for a plurality of registering components using a single registration wizard;

establishing a plurality of connections between the client computer and a plurality of registration databases corresponding to the plurality of registering components, wherein the establishing a plurality of connections comprises:

establishing, using a first dial-up number, a first communication link to a first of the plurality of registration databases, and

upon terminating the first communication link, establishing, using a second dial-up number, a second communication link to a second of the plurality of registration databases; and

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transferring at least a portion of the registration information to each of the plurality of registration databases via the plurality of connections.

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23. (Amended) A system comprising:
a registration wizard to collect registration information for a plurality of manufacturers of a plurality of components of a client computer; and
one or more posting modules, coupled to the registration wizard, to,
establish a plurality of connections between the client computer and a plurality of registration databases corresponding to the plurality of manufacturers, and
transfer at least a portion of the registration information to each of the plurality of registration databases via the plurality of connections.

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28. (Amended) A system comprising:
a plurality of server computers coupled to a network, each being coupled to at least one of a plurality of registration databases to store registration information received by the server computer; and
a client computer, coupled to the network, to collect registration information for a plurality of manufacturers of components of the client computer using a single user interface and to upload portions of the registration information to registration databases of the plurality of registration databases via a single communication link.

29. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a bus;
a processor coupled to the bus;
a network connection device coupled to the bus; and
a memory, coupled to the bus, to store a plurality of instructions that are executed by the processor, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed, cause the processor to,

collect registration information for manufacturers of components of the apparatus,

initiate, using the network connection device, a communication link to a network,

establish, via the communication link, a plurality of connections between the apparatus and a plurality of registration databases, and

communicate, for each of the plurality of connections, at least a portion of the registration information to one of the plurality of registration databases.

Please add the following new claims:

31. (New) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the components comprise software components.

32. (New) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the components comprise hardware components.

33. (New) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the components comprise both one or more hardware components and one or more software components.

34. (New) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the components comprise both one or more hardware components and one or more software components.

35. (New) A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the plurality of registering components comprises both one or more hardware components and one or more software components.

36. (New) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the plurality of components comprises both one or more hardware components and one or more software components.

37. (New) A system as recited in claim 28, wherein the components comprise both one or more hardware components and one or more software components.

38. (New) An apparatus as recited in claim 29, wherein the components comprise both one or more hardware components and one or more software components.